

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

a. Area Number/Name WY-030-411 Area C Acreage 10,573

(1) Is the area of sufficient size?

Yes X No

Describe the boundaries of the area (roads, property lines, etc.). If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception. If more than one inventory area is involved, list the acreage in each and evaluate each area/sub-area separately. In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS: (Include acreage, land ownership, location, topography, vegetation and summary of major human uses/activities)

Land Ownership: All BLM

Location: T15N, R95W; T14N, R 96W; and small portions of adjacent townships

Topography: Area C includes Sand Creek and lesser badland landforms along with rolling hills made up of stabilized sand dunes, incised with a few washes. For more detail, see the Adobe Town Intensive Inventory of January 1980.

Vegetation: Primarily sagebrush-grassland mixed with scattered juniper, greasewood and saltbush. Badland features are void of vegetation.

Human Activities: There is some oil and gas activity on the eastern edge of the polygon. This consists of wells, plugged and abandoned wells, and improved oil and gas roads.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes X No N/A

Description:

The imprint of man is quite negligible in the western half of Area C. The eastern half has seen increasing oil and gas development in recent years which make human work very noticeable.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes X No N/A

Description:

The western half of Area C has outstanding opportunities for solitude, but the presence of oil and gas development eliminates any sense of solitude in the eastern half.

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes _____ **X** _____ No _____ N/A _____

Description:

The western half of Area C has outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation, but the presence of oil and gas development eliminates any opportunity for primitive and unconfined recreation in the eastern half.

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes _____ **X** _____ No _____ N/A _____

Description:

The Adobe Town Herd Management Area supports one of the largest wild horse herds in Wyoming. Numerous cultural resources are present which relate to prehistoric American Indians.

Summary of Analysis

Area Name and/or Number: WY-030-411 Area C

Summary

Results of analysis:

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ___ No

2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☒ Yes ___ No ___ N/A

Yes, in the W half.

3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ☒ Yes ___ No ___ N/A

Yes, in the W half

4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ___ No ___ N/A

Check one:

☒ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as Land with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

___ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

___ A determination of wilderness characteristics cannot be made until additional inventory can be completed.

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